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Section D Categorical Exclusion (RFO/CX001-92) Determination

C M Borgstrom, Director Office of NEPA Oversight, EH-25

Attached is a categorical exclusion (CX) for the following proposed action

South Interceptor Ditch Vegetation Burn

Please review the attached CX and indicate if you have no objection by signing in the space provided. Please return a copy of the document to this office after it has been signed


Robert M. Nelson, Jr
Manager

Attachment

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SECTION D DETERMINATION
~~CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION (CX) DETERMINATION RFO/CX001-92~~

Proposed Action: South Interceptor Ditch Vegetation Burn

Location: Rocky Flats Plant, Golden, CO

Proposed by: U S Department of Energy, Rocky Flats Office

Description of the Proposed Action:

Rocky Flats Plant proposes to periodically burn accumulated dead vegetation from the South Interceptor Ditch (SID) to partially restore the drainage capacity of the ditch and avoid accidental overflow of spring runoff waters into Woman Creek. The SID was constructed in 1980 for the purpose of collecting storm water runoff from the south side of the plant and transmitting it to Pond C-2. Riparian vegetation accumulates in the ditch during the growing season reducing the volume of water that the ditch can transmit away from the plant to Pond C-2.

The vegetation in the ditch would be ignited using a flame thrower. No fuels would be added to the vegetation. The work would be performed under burn permits issued by the Colorado Department of Health.

Burning the vegetation during the dormant season is not anticipated to have any effect on the return of vegetative growth in subsequent years, or to have any adverse impact on wetlands or floodplains. Discussion with the U S Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) is underway to determine whether the proposal would impact threatened or endangered species or their habitats. No work will be performed until approval is received from FWS.

Correspondence with the Corps of Engineers indicates that no Section 404 permit under the Clean Water Act is required for vegetative burning along the ditch. The SID would be routinely burned to keep it free of obstructing vegetation, and therefore this activity does not require wetlands action notification through the Federal Register or preparation of a floodplain/wetlands assessment (see 10CFR1022.5(g)).

Categorical Exclusion to be applied

This activity is an action involving routine maintenance of a DOE-owned or operated facility (DOE NEPA Guidelines, 52 FR 47668)


DOE NEPA REGULATIONS SECTION D DETERMINATION
CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION - RFO/CX 001-92
South Interceptor Ditch Vegetation Burn

I have determined that the proposed action meets the requirements for a categorical exclusion as defined in the Section D of the DOE NEPA Guidelines. Therefore, I approve the categorical exclusion of the proposed action from further NEPA review and documentation.

Date

10/24/91

Signature


Robert M. Nelson, Jr.
Title Manager, Rocky Flats Office

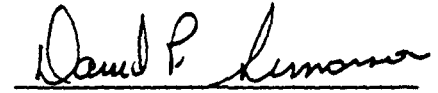
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Date

October 21, 1991

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Title

David P. Simonson
Manager, Environmental Mgmt

I have reviewed this determination and find that a categorical exclusion is the appropriate level of NEPA documentation.

Date

October 15, 1991

Signature




Title

Patricia M. Powell
NEPA Compliance Officer

EH-25 has reviewed this determination and has no objection.

Date

Signature


Carol M. Borgstrom
Title Director, Office of NEPA Oversight

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